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METHOD OF DETECTING DATA
BLOCK IDENTIFICATION MARKS,
AND OPTICAL STORAGE UNIT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 11, 2003, applicants elects Species A (Figs. 8, 9A-9D, 4 and 6), without traverse. Claims 1-8 are readable on the elected Species A. Please cancel the nonelected claims, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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